

# BUFFS ABROAD

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OFFICE OF STUDY ABROAD  
STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER 115A  
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## A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDY ABROAD

Greetings from the Office of Study Abroad! We hope your semester is off to a great start and that in some ways you've grown. One of our favorite aspects of sending students abroad is seeing who they are when they return. A place makes a person; hopefully WTAMU has shaped you in a special way, and we would love to see how the world can continue to mold and grow you into a globally-minded student and professional. Come see us; we can discuss programs across the globe so that when you return home, you will be the one who has changed.

Lastly, we leave you with this:

***"Why do you go away? So that you can come back. So that you can see the place you came from with new eyes and extra colors. And the people there see you differently, too. Coming back to where you started is not the same as never leaving."***

-Terry Pratchett, *A Hat Full of Sky*

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT WINNERS OF THE "BUFFS ABROAD" 2019 PHOTO CONTEST



1st place  
Mason Bray  
Nagasaki, Japan



2nd place  
Jacie Richardson  
Kathmandu, Nepal



3rd place  
Jarys Boyd  
Mexico City, Mexico

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

APPLICATIONS FOR MAY & SUMMER 2020: **FEB. 15**  
APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2020 : **APRIL 15**  
IEF SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: **MARCH 1**  
GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: **MARCH 3**

## FEATURED TRAVELER

# ADYSON WEATHERLY

### **Why did you choose to study in Mexico and Nicaragua?**

My choice to study in Nicaragua was one hundred percent based on the passion and mission of Susan Amos, a professor here at WT. She spoke so incredibly highly of the culture and the people that I would have been crazy to not have taken that opportunity. It was while in Nicaragua that I decided that I, for sure, wanted to study abroad long-term before my time at WT came to an end. I chose Mexico over other Spanish speaking countries like Spain and Costa Rica because Mexico holds a special place in my heart. They are our neighbors, and so many people in this area hold have such strong ties to their heritage in Mexico. I knew it is where I wanted to go, so I found a program that fit that desire.



### **What is your favorite memory from studying abroad?**

I've been to tea parties before, but never had I ever been to what my teammate Sarah and I coined as a "Nicaraguan Tea Party." Let me explain. It was our last day with the students of the school we had been working with throughout the week, and some of the older girls we had built a relationship with wanted us to come to sit with them and their friends. We all sat in a circle, and they brought out cups from the kitchen, poured us each a cup of Coca-Cola (which is arguably so much better in Central America), and gave us a napkin with an assortment of chips and candy. We sat there laughing and talking for what seems now as such a short period of time. Out of all the adventures we had, this was by far my favorite memory of Nicaragua. In Mexico, every day with my host mom was my favorite. She is one of the coolest, strongest, most interesting women I have ever met in my life. She absolutely loves her students like they are her own. The stories she would tell and the love she gives made even my hardest days abroad worth it. Also, did I mention she made the most delicious food I have ever eaten?!

### **What advice would you give to students who plan to study abroad?**

Leave your expectations at the airport. Everything you think your experience is going to be like is nothing like what it will be like. Don't let your own expectations be the thing that ruins your time. Be flexible, be open, and be kind, and you are set!

### **Why should other students study abroad?**

I think studying abroad shouldn't be an "if" for students, instead it should be a "when." I believe everyone should experience an international culture aside from their own. It is a vast world, and it is remarkably humbling to realize your way of life is not the only way. People have so much to teach us, and getting out of your comfort zone makes you so much more willing to learn from them.

### **Can you describe your study abroad experience in three words?**

Oh, man, just three?

Eye-opening, challenging, and irreplaceable.



ADYSON  
STUDIED ABROAD IN  
MANAGUA, NICARAGUA IN  
2017 AND IN OAXACA,  
MEXICO IN 2018.  
SHE CURRENTLY WORKS AS  
AN ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR  
AT WTAMU.

# BOOST YOUR RESUME WITH YOUR STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE!

TIPS FROM OUR CAREER SERVICES EXPERTS

# BUFF ABROAD

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## OBJECTIVE

A brief statement that tells the employer what position you are seeking. This should be very specific when applying for a specific job, but very general for our database.

## EDUCATION

West Texas A&M University  
Full name of degree  
GPA 3.0/4.0 (include if > or =3.0)

If you participated in an official program with an international university, you could list the program below WT in the education section.

**Think of all you've gained from your study abroad experience that employers value:**

- Critical thinking and problem-solving skills developed through navigating a new environment
- Leadership skills
- Global/intercultural fluency
- Oral/written communication (Did you improve in another language?)

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS [OR PROFILE]

- Brief statements of your experience, training and/or personal abilities
- Summarizes experience and calls attention to your skills
- Highlights what you have to offer an employer

## WORK HISTORY OR EXPERIENCE

NAME OF BUSINESS

*Job Title*

- Bullet statements are used to highlight job accomplishments; what did you do to make this organization better?
- A bullet statement can also be used here to detail job duties you performed that may not be expected based on your job title.

Did you work or complete a project while you were abroad? You could list that in a section labeled "Experience."  
Note: You can have both Work History AND Experience sections.

## ACTIVITIES AND HONORS [OR INVOLVEMENT]

- College scholarships, honors, organizations, and memberships
- Community work, volunteer work is also appropriate to list here

Your study abroad experience shows you were an engaged student on campus, and it adds something interesting to your resume. List it here, and be prepared to discuss during an interview!

*Is it time to update YOUR resume?  
Contact Career Services!*

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